

The Primitive Baptist Church of Christ  
at Philadelphia

Rutherford County, N.C.

To the Bear Creek Primitive <sup>Baptist</sup> Association

Dear Brethren,

herein acknowledge our failure last year to visit you, we feel we have reasons, such as would consume space to offer in writing, we have no minutes, or even a letter of your proceedings last year, our last conference was on the 24<sup>th</sup> March, we tried for a volunteer to represent us in May and failed we appointed our Clerk to prepare and send a letter to some of the Brethren by Mail, setting forth that if either of the Brethren with whom you are acquainted should yet volunteer and come down that you will receive him into your council, Dear Brethren we hope to represent our selves at some future day if we fail this Spring please Notice this, our monthly meeting embraces the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday and the association the first Sunday, this gives us short time to prepare and send a letter By Mail, we have had ~~two~~ <sup>two</sup> deaths and no increases, we number at present eighteen members (if I am not mistaken) this done By order of the church in conference  
Date above written

James McKinney, Secy

April 15<sup>th</sup> 1882